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for the

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31st D E C E M B E R, 1959.



MELTON MOWBRAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

and

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

1959

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

In accordance with the instructions of the Ministry of Health, we deal briefly in this Report with matters within our responsibility regarding public health and preventive medicine :-

GENERAL STATISTICS

Area (in acres) ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5,699
Registrar General's Estimated Mid-Year Home						Population ..	14,870	
Number of Inhabited Houses..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4,498	
Rateable Value ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	£202,078
Sum represented by a Penny Rate..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	£795

VITAL STATISTICS

POPULATION

TABLE showing the Registrar General's estimate of the changes in population during the past ten years :-

1950	13,470	1955	14,470
1951	13,940	1956	14,520
1952	14,150	1957	14,860
1953	14,260	1958	14,860
1954	14,350	1959	14,870

Males. Females. Totals.

BIRTHS.

<u>Live Births:</u>	Legitimate ..	..	..	..	144	108	252
	Illegitimate	<u>2</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>7</u>
					<u>146</u>	<u>113</u>	<u>259</u>

<u>Still Births:</u>	Legitimate	2	2	4
	Illegitimate	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>
					<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>4</u>

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Birth Rate1959

Per 1,000 Population	17.1
For England and Wales	16.5

TABLE showing the changes in the total live births and in the birth rates during the past ten years :-

Year	Total Live Births	Birth Rates per 1,000 population			England & Wales
		Melton Mowbray	Leicestershire		
1950	262	19.1	16.17		15.8
1951	251	17.8	16.02		15.5
1952	262	18.2	15.67		15.3
1953	244	16.8	15.43		15.5
1954	234	16.0	14.51		15.2
1955	242	16.4	14.78		15.0
1956	247	16.7	15.39		15.7
1957	260	17.1	16.49		16.1
1958	234	15.4	16.70		16.4
1959	259	17.1	17.42		16.5

DeathsMales. Females. Totals.

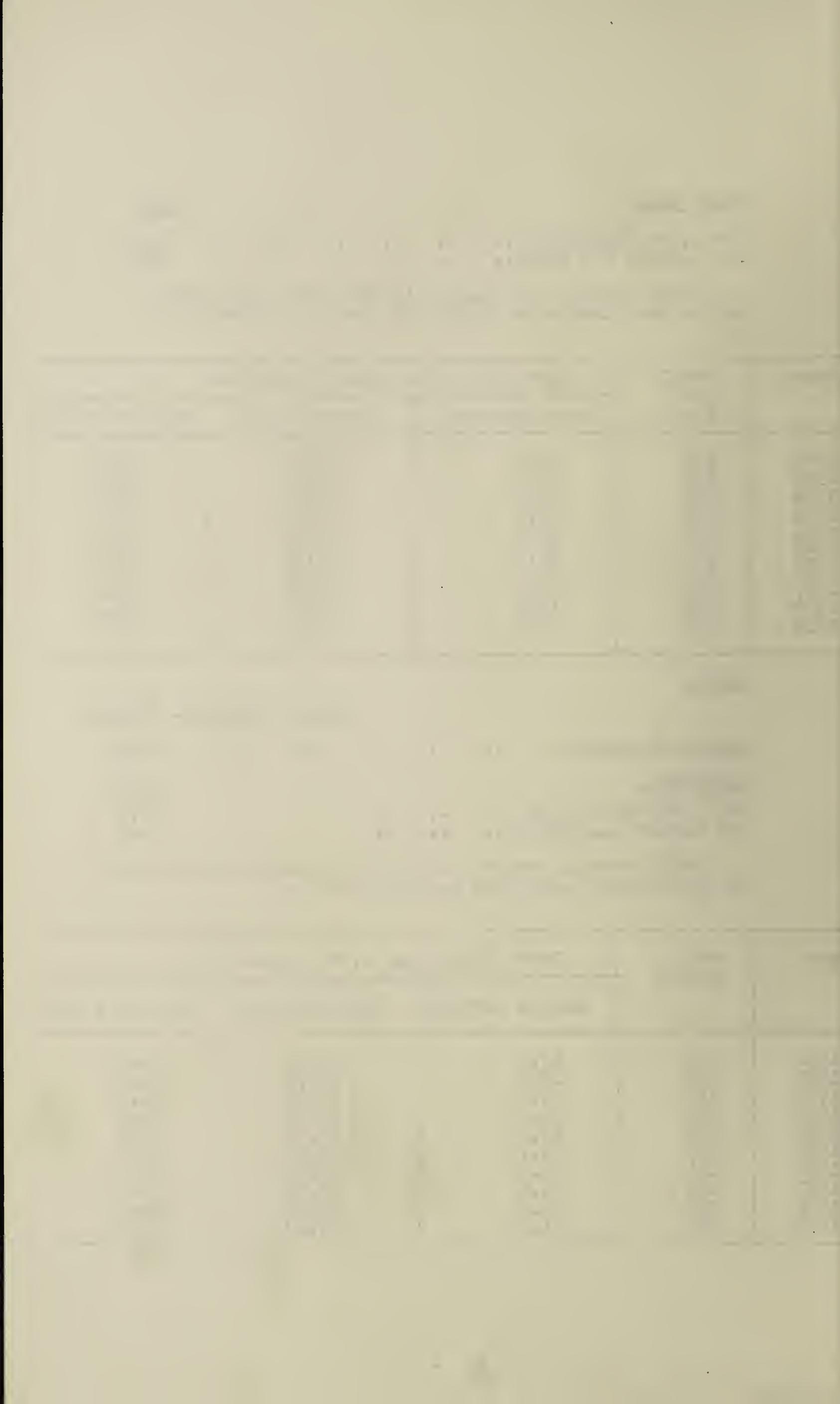
Number of Deaths	83	86	169
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Death Rate1959

Per 1,000 Population	11.5
For England and Wales	11.6

TABLE showing changes in the total number of deaths and in death rates during the past ten years :

Year	Total Deaths.	Death Rates (per 1,000 population)			England & Wales
		Melton Mowbray	Leicestershire		
1950	170	12.5	10.28		11.6
1951	142	10.0	10.74		12.5
1952	131	9.1	10.06		11.3
1953	209	14.4	10.05		11.4
1954	142	10.3	10.29		11.3
1955	135	9.7	10.59		11.7
1956	144	11.2	10.29		11.7
1957	152	11.4	10.06		11.5
1958	160	11.2	10.09		11.7
1959	169	11.5	10.20		11.6



Deaths of Infants under One Year of Age.

			<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Legitimate ..	..	..	4	3	7
Illegitimate ..	..	..	-	1	1

Deaths of Infants under Four Weeks of Age.

Legitimate ..	..	..	4	2	6
Illegitimate ..	..	..	-	1	1

Deaths of Infants under One Week of Age.

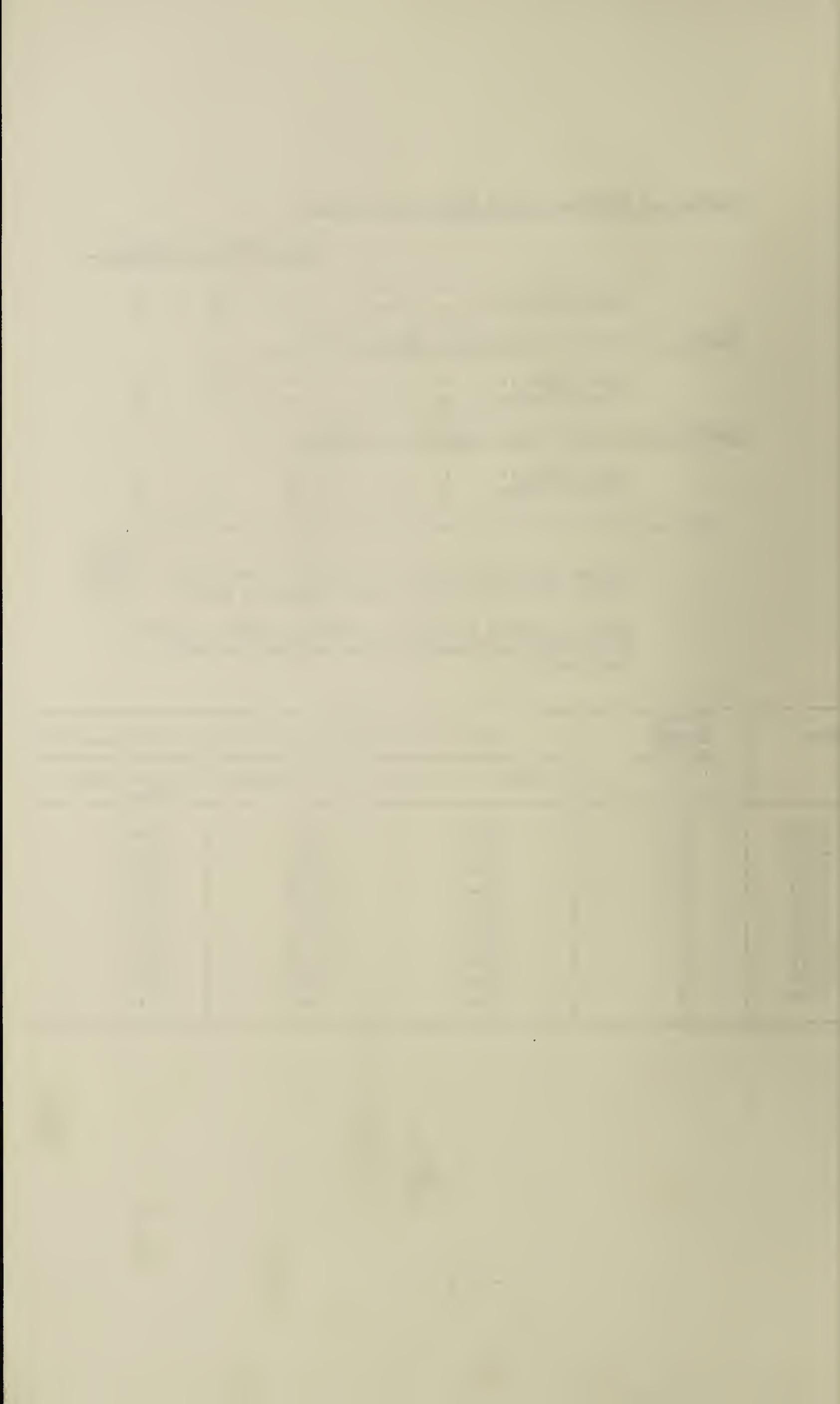
Legitimate ..	..	..	4	2	6
Illegitimate ..	..	..	-	1	1

The majority of these deaths were due to prematurity.

	<u>1959</u>
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 live Births	30.9
Infant Mortality Rate for England & Wales.	22.0

TABLE showing deaths of infants under one year and infant mortality rates during the past ten years :

Year	Total Infant Deaths.	Infant Mortality Rates per 1,000 live births		
		Melton Mowbray	Leicestershire	England and Wales.
1950	8	30.5	27.0	29.8
1951	5	19.9	25.1	29.6
1952	9	34.4	26.5	27.6
1953	6	24.6	28.0	26.8
1954	9	38.5	28.1	25.5
1955	7	28.9	22.5	24.9
1956	9	36.4	23.17	23.8
1957	6	23.1	23.87	23.0
1958	6	25.6	17.27	22.5
1959	8	30.9	17.97	22.0



CAUSES OF DEATH.

		Males.	Females.
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach.	.. .. .. ..	3	3
" " Lung, Bronchus	.. .. .. ..	4	1
" " Breast	.. .. .. ..	-	1
" " Uterus	.. .. .. ..	-	2
Other Malignant and Lymphatic Neoplasms	.. .. .. ..	14	8
Leukaemia	.. .. .. ..	1	1
Diabetes	.. .. .. ..	-	2
Vascular Lesions of Nervous System	.. .. .. ..	7	6
Coronary Disease, Angina	.. .. .. ..	17	8
Hypertension with Heart Disease	.. .. .. ..	2	2
Other Heart Disease	.. .. .. ..	12	22
Other Circulatory Disease	.. .. .. ..	6	8
Influenza	.. .. .. ..	-	2
Pneumonia	.. .. .. ..	2	2
Bronchitis	.. .. .. ..	1	1
Other Diseases of Respiratory System	.. .. .. ..	1	-
Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum	.. .. .. ..	1	-
Nephritis and Nephrosis	.. .. .. ..	1	1
Hyperplasia of Prostate	.. .. .. ..	1	-
Congenital Malformations	.. .. .. ..	-	1
Other Defined and Ill-Defined Diseases	.. .. .. ..	7	14
Motor Vehicle Accidents	.. .. .. ..	-	-
All other Accidents	.. .. .. ..	2	1
Suicide	.. .. .. ..	1	-
		<hr/> 83	<hr/> 86

PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS OF THE AUTHORITY.

John Young, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H. (Camb).

Medical Officer of Health for the Leicestershire and Rutland Combined Districts in which this District is included.

H. Buxton, M.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I.

Chief Public Health Inspector and Meat & Food Inspector.

D.H.W.Griffiths, Cert. R.S.H.

Additional Public Health Inspector. Resigned 30th.June 1959.

P.F.Raymond.

Appointed Junior Assistant (trainee) on 12th.October, 1959 for a probationary period to 31st. December, 1959.

It will be noted that no replacement was made for the post of Additional Public Health Inspector. This means that for over six months of the year there was no qualified assistant in the Public Health Department, and that certain of the duties, particularly routine inspections, have not been possible.

LABORATORY FACILITIES.

The following examinations were carried out during the year at the Public Health Laboratory, Leicester :-

Nose and Throat swabs	..	..	..	..	..	..	73
Faeces and Urine	..	..	..	..	..	..	31
Blood	..	..	..	..	..	..	6
Sputa	..	..	..	..	..	..	44
Vaginal and Cervical Swabs	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Milks	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Waters	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Miscellaneous specimens	..	..	..	..	..	..	6
							<u>164</u>

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES.

Notifiable Diseases (other than Tuberculosis) during 1958

<u>Disease.</u>							<u>Total Cases Notified.</u>
Scarlet Fever	..	..	..	..	..	..	33
Pneumonia	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Whooping Cough	..	..	..	..	..	..	14
Measles	..	..	..	..	..	..	21
Erysipelas	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Puerperal Pyrexia	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Typhoid	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
							<u>74</u>

AGE GROUPS.

Disease.	Under 1 yr.	1	2	3	4	5 9	10 14	15 24	25 34	35 44	45 64	65 and over.	TOTAL
Scarlet Fever.	-	-	-	-	1	16	16	-	-	-	-	-	33
Pneumonia.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
Whooping Cough.	3	1	2	3	2	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	14
Measles.	-	5	1	5	4	4	2	-	-	-	-	-	21
Erysipelas.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
Puerperal Pyrexia.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	-	-	-	3
Typhoid.	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
	3	6	3	9	7	22	18	3	3	-	-	-	74

There was no serious epidemic during the year.

Typhoid Fever. This case was a child, 3 years of age, living at the Polish Camp. Immediate investigations were made and tests carried out, and as a result it was found that the child's grandfather was a chronic carrier of this disease. Necessary advice and treatment was given, and no further cases occurred.

Poliomyelitis. No case of this disease was reported during the year.

Diphtheria. Once again it is pleasing to report the absence of diphtheria, and it is now over thirteen years since a case was notified.

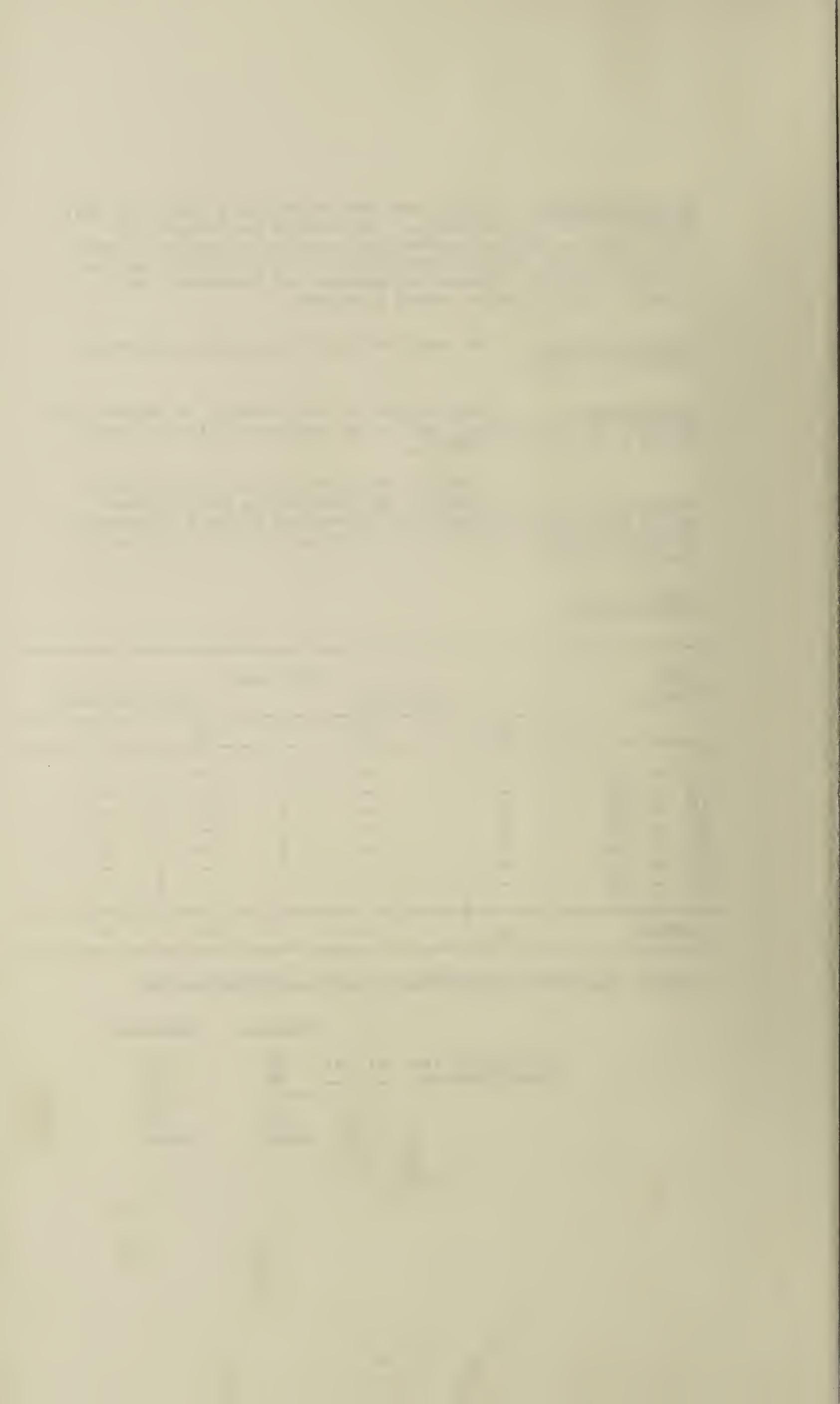
Details supplied by the Local Health Authority show that during the year 1959, 206 children under five years of age were immunised against diphtheria and 85 children aged four to fifteen years were given a "booster dose".

Tuberculosis.

Age Groups.	New Cases					
	Pulmonary			Non-Pulmonary		
	M	F	M	F		
1 - 4	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 - 14	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 - 24	1	-	-	-	1	-
25 - 34	1	-	-	-	-	-
35 - 44	1	-	-	-	-	1
45 - 54	-	-	-	-	-	-
55 - 64	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	3	-	-	1	1	

Number of cases on Register at 31st. December 1959.

	Males.			Females.	
Pulmonary	39	37
Non-Pulmonary	6	11
				45	48



SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

WATER SUPPLY

The water undertaking was transferred to the City of Leicester on 1st. April, 1959.

Additional water supply was made available through the Dove Scheme, and no restriction of supplies was necessary during the year.

SEWAGE DISPOSAL

Tenders for the extensive scheme of improvements at the sewage disposal works were received towards the end of the year, and it is hoped that early approval will be given in order that this urgent work can be carried out as soon as possible.

CLOSET ACCOMMODATION

Total number in District at end of 1959 :-

(a)	Pail closets ..	..	..	8
(b)	Water closets :	..	..	5,250

PUBLIC CLEANSING

The Cleansing Department is under the control of the Engineer and Surveyor.

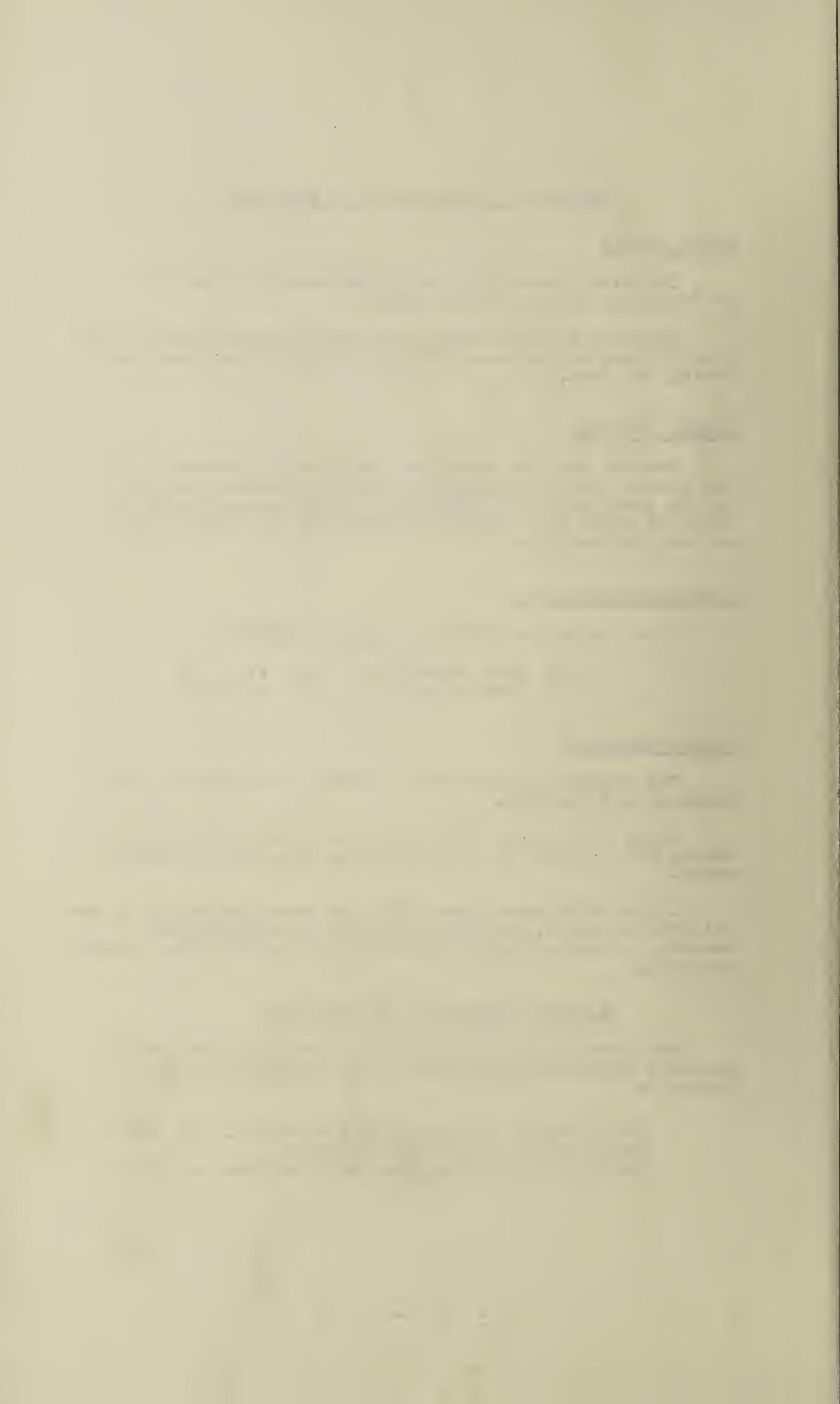
House refuse and trade refuse is collected by direct labour for disposal at the controlled tip and destructor works.

It is anticipated that with some re-organisation of the collection system, and the provision of an additional vehicle, a regular weekly collection of house refuse will be possible.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA.

The particulars given under this heading are for all purposes including particulars given elsewhere in this Report :-

Total Number of Complaints received ..	..	189
Total Number of Premises at which		
Defects or Nuisances were dealt with..	..	330



INSPECTIONS AND REVISITS

Animal Keeping	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8
Bakehouses	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	12
Dairies..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	11
Drainage works.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	48
Dwellinghouses.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	450
Infectious disease inquiries.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	35
Moveable Dwellings.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	11
Food premises.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	165
Rodent control	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	216
Shops.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	40
Slaughterhouses and Meat Inspection	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	745
Smoke control	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10
Verminous and dirty premises.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10
Factories and workplaces.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	22
Other inspections	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	25
								1,808

NOTICES

Preliminary

Housing. Public Health.

Outstanding on 1st. January ..	4	2
Issued during the year	10	25
Complied with during the year	14	25
Outstanding at 31st. December.	nil	2

Statutory

Outstanding on 1st. January..	9	Nil
Issued during the year.. ..	6	2
Complied with during the year	9	2
Outstanding at 31st. December	6	Nil

Shops

Action taken under the provision of the Shops Act, 1950.

Three defects were found relating to sanitary conveniences and washing facilities, and all were remedied during the year.

FACTORIES ACT, 1937 to 1959.

(a) Inspection for purposes of provision as to health:

	<u>No.on Register.</u>	<u>Inspec- tions.</u>	<u>Written Notices.</u>	<u>Owners Prosecuted.</u>
(1) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	17	3	-	-
C/Fwd.	17	3	-	-

		<u>No. on Register.</u>	<u>Inspec-tions.</u>	<u>Written Notices.</u>	<u>Owners Prosecuted.</u>
	B/Fwd.	17	3	-	-
(II) Factories not included in (I) in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authorities.		76	10	-	-
(III) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authorities.		7	9	-	-
		100	22	-	-
		<u>=====</u>	<u>=====</u>	<u>=====</u>	<u>=====</u>

(b) Cases in which Defects were found:

	<u>Found.</u>	<u>Remedied.</u>	<u>Referred by H.M. Inspector.</u>
Want of Cleanliness ..	3	3	-
Sanitary Conveniences:			
(1) Insufficient	-	-	-
(2) Unsuitable or Defective	2	2	-
(3) Not separate for Sexes	-	-	-
	<u>=====</u>	<u>=====</u>	<u>=====</u>
	5	5	Nil
	<u>=====</u>	<u>=====</u>	<u>=====</u>

(c) Outwork:

There were no instances during the year of outwork in unwholesome premises.

SWIMMING BATHS AND POOLS

Publicly Owned:

One Children's Open Air Swimming Pool, owned by the Town Estate, where the water is treated by chlorination with controlled dosage.

Privately Owned:

Nil.

THE PET ANIMALS ACT

No. of premises licensed 2
No contraventions found.

RODENT CONTROL:

Minor rat infestations at the Destructor Works, Salvage Depot, Sewage Disposal Works, Cattle Market and the Refuse Tip have been dealt with, also minor rats or mice infestations which were reported or discovered at five business premises and seventy-seven private premises, and surveys were carried out in conjunction with these infestations.

MOVEABLE DWELLINGS:

No. of Licences renewed for 1 year	1
No. of Licences issued for 1 year	1
No. exempt from Licence	1

One site was licensed for six caravans

HOUSING:

HOUSING IN CLEARANCE AREAS AND UNFIT HOUSES ELSEWHERE.

A. HOUSES DEMOLISHED.

Clearance Areas.	HOUSES DEMOLISHED	DISPLACED	DURING YEAR
		PERSONS,	FAMILIES.
(1) Houses unfit for human habitation	-	4	2
(2) Houses included by reason of bad arrangement, etc.,	-	-	-
(3) Houses on land acquired under Section 43 (2) Housing Act, 1957	-	-	-
Not in Clearance Areas			
(4) As a result of formal or informal procedure under Section 17 (1) Housing Act, 1957	4	14	4
(5) Local Authority owned houses certified unfit by the Medical Officer of Health.	-	-	-
(6) Houses unfit for human habitation where action has been taken under local Acts.	-	-	-
(7) Unfit houses included in Unfitness Orders.	-	-	-
B. UNFIT HOUSES CLOSED.	Number		
(8) Under Sections 16(4), 17(1) and 35 (1) Housing Act, 1957	-	-	-
(9) Under Sections 17(3) and 26 Housing Act, 1957	-	-	-
(10) Parts of buildings closed under Section 18, Housing Act. 1957	-	-	-

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C. UNFIT HOUSES MADE FIT AND HOUSES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE REMEDIED.

	By Owner	By Local Authority
(II) After informal action by local authority	30	-
(12) After formal notice under (a) Public Health Acts (b) Sections 9 and 16 Housing Act, 1957.	2	-
(13) Under Section 24 Housing Act, 1957.	-	-

D. UNFIT HOUSES IN TEMPORARY USE (Housing Act, 1957) NIL.

E. PURCHASE OF HOUSES BY AGREEMENT.

(14) Houses in Clearance Areas other than those included in confirmed Clearance Orders or Compulsory Purchase Orders purchased in the year.	Number of house. (1)	Number of occupants of houses in column (1) (2)
	Nil	-

All the tenants from the 19 houses included in the New Street Clearance Area have been suitably re-housed. Demolition of the houses should commence early next year, and the site re-developed to provide twenty maisonettes.

Eight one-bedroomed maisonettes, for elderly people, were completed and occupied during the year.

Work commenced near the end of the year, on the erection of twelve three-bedroom type houses for the re-housing of families from sub-standard houses.

Rent Act, 1957. Certificates of Disrepair.

No application for Certificates of Disrepair, or for the cancellation of Certificates, were received during the year.

<u>New Houses:</u>	<u>By Local Authority.</u>	<u>By Private Enterprise.</u>
Number of permanent houses completed during the year.	8	81
Number of houses in course of erection at the end of the year. . .	12	18
Total Number of Post-war Houses completed.	859	484



Occupied Houses:

Total Number of Occupied Houses in District.	4,498
Number of Council Houses occupied	1,088

Housing (Financial Provisions) Act, 1958. Improvement Grants.

(1) No. of applications for grants received during the year	16
(a) from owner/occupiers	15
(b) from owners of rented property	1
(2) No. of applications approved	16
(3) No. of applications refused	Nil

House Purchase and Housing Act, 1959.

(1) No. of applications received for standard grants from :-	(a) Owner/occupiers	10
	(b) Owners of rented property	1
(2) No. of properties improved during the year.		3

Housing Applications:

Details of applications on the Register at 31st December, 1959.

Date of Application	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959	Totals.
Residing in the Urban District	29	10	8	26	60	133
Residing outside the District	45	12	7	22	25	111
	74	22	15	48	85	244

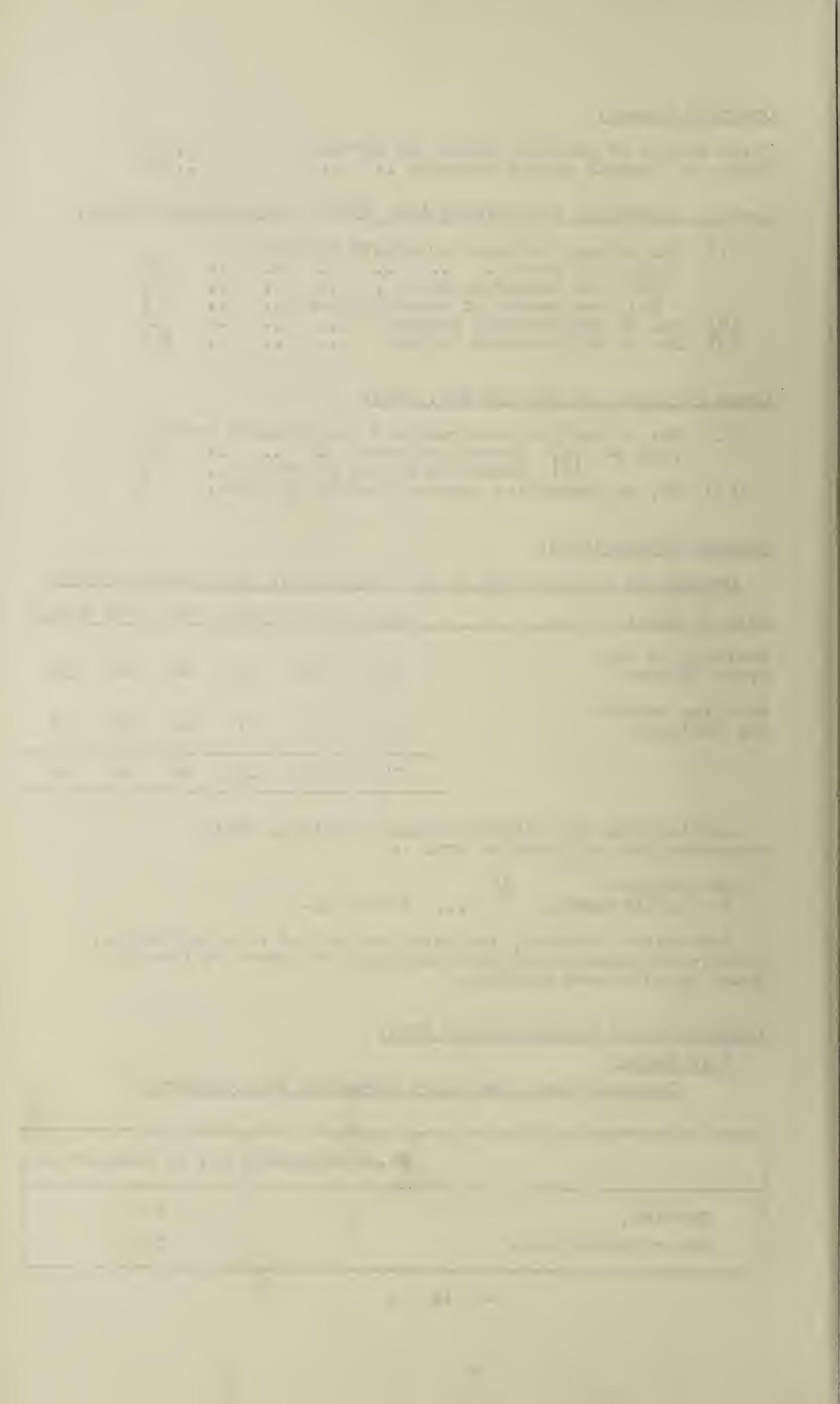
Applications for elderly peoples dwelling, small accommodation and bungalow type :-

For couples	36
For single person	24 ... Total 60.

For various reasons, including the relief of overcrowding, twenty-two transfers and nine exchanges of houses by Council House tenants were approved.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.Milk SupplyDairies (other than Dairy Farms) and Distributors:

	No. on Register.	No. of Inspections.
Dairies.	4	8
Distributors only.	1	3



Milk (Special Designation) (Pasteurised & Sterilised Milk) Regulations, 1949:

Licences Issued:

Dealers' Licences:	Pasteurised Milk ..	5
	Sterilised Milk ..	1

Supplementary Licences: Nil

Milk (Special Designation) (Raw Milk) Regulations, 1949:

Licences Issued:

Dealers' Licences:	.. .. .. ..	5
Supplementary Licences:	.. .. .. ..	1

Only Designated Milk is being sold since this Urban District was included in a Specified Area on 1st. October, 1958.

Ice Cream.

Number of Premises Registered:

(a) Manufacture and Retail ..	.. .. ..	Nil
(b) Manufacture only ..	.. .. ..	Nil
(c) Retail only ..	.. .. ..	48

Inspections of all the premises and vehicles used for the sale of ice cream were made during the year.
Most of the ice cream is now sold ready packed.

Five samples of ice cream were all classed Grade 1.

Food Poisoning.

No cases of food poisoning have been notified during the year.

Meat and Other Foods.

Number of Slaughterhouses in Area ..	.. ..	1
Number of Animals Slaughtered and Inspected	9,268	
Number of Inspections of Meat at time of Slaughter ..	745	
Number of Knackers Yards in Area ..	.. ..	1
Number of Visits to Knackers Yards ..	.. ..	4



Carcases Inspected and Condemned.

	Cattle excluding Cows.	Cows.	Calves.	Sheep and Lambs.	Pigs.	Total.
Number Killed and Inspected.	1,184	7	41	4,437	3,599	9,268
<u>All Diseases except Tuberculosis.</u>	1	3	1	28	4	Wt. in Lbs. 4,439
Whole Carcasses condemned.						
Carcase of which some part or organ condemned.	371	2	1	18	68	4,126
Percentage of number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis.	31.4%	71%	4.9%	1%	2%	8,565
<u>Tuberculosis only.</u>						
Whole Carcasses condemned.	2	Nil	Nil	Nil	1	1,675
Carcases of which some part or organ condemned.	60	Nil	Nil	Nil	63	2,488
Percentage of number inspected affected with Tuberculosis.	5.2%	-	-	-	1.8%	4,163
<u>Cysticercosis</u>						
Carcasses of which some part or organ condemned.	2	-	-	-	-	67

Total weight in lbs. 12,795

5 tons. 14 cwts. 27 lbs. of meat was condemned
during the year, compared with 6 tons. 12 cwts. 13 lbs.
last year.



	<u>No. of Visits.</u>
Meat Shops, Meat Stores, etc.,	20
Places where food (other than meat) is kept or prepared for sale.	170

The following foods were condemned and voluntarily surrendered during the year :-

294 lbs. of bacon.	48 lbs. of lard.
32 lbs. of fish.	16 lbs. of frozen peas and beans.

285 tins and jars of various foods.

No. of certificates issued ..	175
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We have the honour to be
Your obedient servants,

J. YOUNG
Medical Officer of Health.

H. BUXTON
Chief Public Health Inspector.



